

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Work Session Meeting
December 4, 2025 – 6:00pm
2nd Floor Conference Room
53 Croton Ave., Ossining, NY**

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

OPL BOT Members physically present: Meghan Huppuch, Rachel Murphy, Alice Joselow, and Amanda Marsh

OPL BOT Members absent with prior notice: Amanda Curley, Althema Goodson, and Phil Rice

OPL Staff physically present: Karen LaRocca-Fels, and Steve Hamilton

Call to Order

Meghan Huppuch called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

The OPL Mission and Vision statements were not read aloud

The Ossining Public Library enriches, connects, and inspires our community. The Ossining Public Library will be the community's center for lifelong learning.

Old Business

- Annual Meeting and Report to the Community

Board discussion focused on final preparation for the meeting and which BOT members will speak and/or be presenters at the meeting.

New Business

- Library Card Registration Requirements

The Board discussed the existing process and procedures for obtaining an Ossining Library card and ways to better ensure that those applying are Ossining Library district residents.

- Carnegie Corporation of New York Grant

Karen LaRocca-Fels reported that the required paperwork for the library to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York has been submitted. The grant is available to all NYS libraries that were at one time a Carnegie Library. The grant is in celebration of the country's 250th Anniversary on July 4, 2026. The grant will be utilized for on-going scholar facilitated book groups and programming, all related to U.S. history.

- Long Range Strategic Plan/Board Retreat

The Board discussed available dates for a Board Retreat and having a facilitator at the Retreat. The goal is for the new Long Rance Strategic Plan to be less complex than prior plans and to have clear, measurable goals that can be tracked regularly.

Adjournment

On a motion by Alice Joselow, seconded by Rachel Murphy, and passed unanimously 4-0, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.